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A Message from Mayor Annette Iafallo – National Grid LED Streetlight Conversion Project

This past weekend, National Grid crews began the process of converting over 2,300 company-owned High Intensity Discharge (HID) roadway street lights throughout Lackawanna to efficient LED roadway street lights as part of the National Grid Outdoor Street Lighting LED Conversion Program.

While serving as Council President in 2019, I along with my fellow City Council members, voted to approve over \$170,000 in funding for Lackawanna to participate in this National Grid program. However due to various circumstances, including the Covid 19 pandemic, implementation was delayed until recently.

I'm very excited that we're finally moving forward with this initiative. Under the program, Lackawanna will receive an Energy Efficiency Incentive from National Grid equal to 75-80% of our funding investment, which will result in a net 'out of pocket' cost to Lackawanna of only \$35,000-\$40,000, depending on the final value of the awarded incentive.

The use of LED lighting has grown in popularity as they are more energy efficient, longer lasting, and more physically durable and safer than our existing lighting source. Throughout Lackawanna we'll see a noticeable difference in lighting quality where these new fixtures are located.

Full implementation is expected to take 30-45 days, weather and other circumstances permitting.

Thanks to National Grid for working in partnership with us to deliver this valuable energy and cost savings program to Lackawanna!